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MELTON AND BELVOIR
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER, 1956.

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MELTON & BELVOIR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

1956

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present herewith my eighteenth Annual Report dealing with matters within my responsibility regarding Public Health and preventive medicine :-

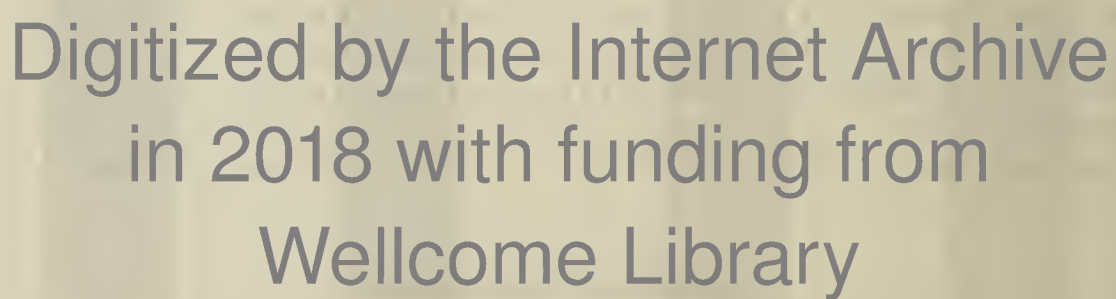
GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	113,025
Registrar General's estimate of population.	18,830
Number of inhabited houses.....	5,933
Rateable value	158,343
Estimated sum represented by a penny rate..	£645. 0. Od.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Births - Legitimate	119	116	235
Illegitimate	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>125</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>244</u>
Still Births - Legitimate	4	5	9
Illegitimate	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>
	<u>Rate for</u>	<u>Rate for</u>	
	<u>District.</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>	
Birth Rate	13.8	15.7	
Death Rate	9.9	11.7	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births..	12.3	23.8	

The Death Rate for the District is again very low. The main causes of death are diseases of the heart and arteries which occur amongst people of advanced years. There were only three deaths of infants under one year of age.



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<u>CAUSES OF DEATH</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Tuberculosis Respiratory.	-	1
Meningococcal Infections.	1	-
Other Infectious and Parasitic Diseases.	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach.	4	-
Malignant Neoplasm Lung, Bronchus.	7	-
Malignant Neoplasm Breast.	-	5
Malignant Neoplasm Uterus.	-	1
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms.	6	6
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia.	1	-
Diabetes.	1	-
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.	11	20
Coronary Disease, Angina.	15	9
Hypertension with Heart Disease.	1	-
Other Heart Disease.	19	18
Other Circulatory Disease.	6	10
Pneumonia.	5	4
Bronchitis.	-	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.	-	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis.	1	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate.	4	-
Congenital Malformations.	1	-
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases.	9	12
Motor Vehicle Accidents.	-	1
All other Accidents.	3	3
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	96	95

Total 191

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

J. Young, M.B., Ch.B. D.P.H.(Camb).

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

L. Hesford, Public Health Inspector.

Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute, Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board, Meat Inspector, Smoke Inspector.

G. Newman - Additional Public Health Inspector

Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board, Inspector of Meat and other Foods.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations have been carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester :-

Throat & Nose Swab.	42
Faeces & Urine	27
Sputum	41
Milk	33
Water	1
Miscellaneous.	1
	<u>145</u>

One-hundred-and-five samples of water were submitted to the Leicester City Health Laboratory for bacteriological and chemical analyses.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1956.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total cases</u> <u>Notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted</u> <u>to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Deaths.</u>
Measles.	9	-	-
Whooping Cough.	28	1	-
Scarlet Fever.	12	-	-
Pneumonia.	23	3	9
Dysentery.	9	1	-
Meningitis.	1	1	1
	<u>82</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>

There was no epidemic during the year. Again I can report that there was no case of Diphtheria. It is now several years since we had a case. Particulars of the immunization work carried out for the District are given at the end of the report.

Fortunately there was no confirmed case of Poliomyelitis. A scheme has been inaugurated for the vaccination of selected groups of children and parents are advised to take full advantage of the facilities provided.

AGE GROUPS.

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>Under</u> <u>1</u>	<u>1</u> <u>3</u>	<u>3</u> <u>5</u>	<u>5</u> <u>10</u>	<u>10</u> <u>15</u>	<u>15</u> <u>25</u>	<u>25</u> <u>35</u>	<u>35</u> <u>45</u>	<u>45</u> <u>65</u>	<u>65</u> <u>and over.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Measles.	-	4	1	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	9
Whooping Cough.	2	7	2	12	4	-	1	-	-	-	28
Scarlet Fever.	-	2	1	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	12
Pneumonia.	-	1	3	3	4	-	-	-	5	7	23
Dysentery.	-	1	1	2	1	1	3	-	-	-	9
Meningococcal Infection.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Groups.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
35 - 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 45	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.

Number of samples taken for analysis :-

(a) from wells	97
(b) from piped supply	8

Result of samples taken :-

from wells. -	satisfactory	26
	unsatisfactory	71
from piped supply -	satisfactory	7
	unsatisfactory	1

Number of wells :-

(a) closed	2
(b) cleansed	2

Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water..... 371

Number of Parishes without a piped water supply. 3

Number of houses now on piped supply 3,595

Number of Parishes and part Parishes with piped water supply :-

(a) from public mains.	20
(b) from private reservoirs.	2

Sampling of some of the public wells has been carried out.

Existing Water Supplies.

Sixteen of the 25 parishes have a piped water supply and work has started on the provision of mains supplies to two further parishes. Schemes have been approved for supplies to 3 more parishes and work is expected to commence in 1957. Schemes will also be submitted to the Ministry during 1957 for approval for the village of Stonesby and Freeby and Goadby Marwood, and when these are completed a public supply will be available in 22 of the parishes and in parts of the remaining three parishes. The other parts of the remaining three parishes are supplied by Private piped supplies.

Stand Pipes are not provided, the services being laid to consumers premises.

There is no indication of any tendency to Plumbo Solvency in the piped supplies.

Shortages have been experienced in villages fed from the joint supply (Melton Mowbray Urban District Council and the Rural Council) and in Great Dalby, Waltham, Thorpe Satchville and Twyford.

The need for curtailment of the piped supplies will be eliminated when the River Dove Water Board supplies are available in 1959 - 60.

Drainage and Sewerage.

There has been no new works of sewerage provided during the year under review, but the Council's Engineers are proceeding with the plan for the provision of Sewage Disposal Works and Sewers in 14 villages and the improvement of disposal works at Asfordby, and it is hoped the approval of the Ministry to work proceeding will be received as soon as financial consideration permit.

Closet Accommodation.

Total Number in the District at the end of 1956 :-

(a)	Privies	284
(b)	Pail Closets	2848
(c)	Water Closets	2746

Public Cleansing.

During the year the Public Cleansing Service has been maintained and efficient service given with a fleet of modern vehicles comprising :-

1 Dennis	11 cu.yd. Refuse Collector.
1 S.D.	11 cu.yd. Refuse Collector.
1 S.D.	13 cu.yd. Refuse Collector.
2 S.D.	Combined Nightsoil and Cesspool Emptiers - 800 gall. capacity.

and 1 Dennis Refuse Collector on Salvage work.

Household refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping and no difficulty has been experienced here. The disposal of nightsoil is to farms, when it is ploughed into the land as manure. There is at present no difficulty in disposal, and in view of the amount of ploughed land it is not anticipated that this will create a problem for the next year or two. The cost of nightsoil collections however, is continually rising and the Council should, as soon as possible, give serious consideration to the conversion of pail closets to water closets in order to reduce the cost of this service.

The present system of conversion is by voluntary methods and has resulted in the conversion of 48 pail closets to water closets during the year. This has no material influence in reducing the cost of the service, but if it were possible to arrange for the conversion of villages en-bloc a considerable saving would no doubt result.

The collection of salvage was continued during the year and the following weights of salvage were collected.

Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	
14.	12.	2.	Baled Paper.

The revenue produced from this source during the year was £106. 8. 3d.

The Council is continuing to empty cesspools on request from the occupiers at a standard charge. There is, however, no collection of the contents of privy middens within the area.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this report :-

Total number of complaints received	394
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered.....	348

	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Re-visits.</u>
Animal Keeping.	2	8
Bakehouses.	28	4
Dairies etc.,	172	29
Drainage Works.	692	505
Dwelling Houses (all purposes).	1203	794
Food premises.	122	78
Rats and mice destruction	1067	322
Refuse collection and disposal }	398	31

Cont'd.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area (Continued)

	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Re-visits.</u>
Shop.	49	14
Schools.	4	-
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.,	12	6
Verminous premises.	9	14
Water supplies.	62	43
Workshops, etc.,	-	-
Other inspections.	109	99
Slaughterhouses (during killing period).	1142	-
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	1387	176
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Notices

	<u>Preliminary.</u>	<u>Housing.</u>	<u>Other.</u>
Outstanding on 1st. January	12	6	
Issued during the year	104	17	
Complied with during the year	92	14	
Statutory action necessary	14	-	
Outstanding on 31st. December.	12	-	

Statutory.

Outstanding on 1st. January	2	-
Issued during the year.	7	2
Complied with during the year	5	2
Outstanding on 31st. December	1	-

Shops

Action taken during the year under the provision of the Shops Act, 1950 :-

	<u>Outstanding from previous year.</u>	<u>Defects found.</u>	<u>Defects remedied.</u>	<u>Outstanding 31st. Dec.</u>
Sanitary conveniences	Nil	7	7	Nil
Temperature	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ventilation	Nil	1	-	1

Regulated Buildings

Common Lodging Houses - There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area.

Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc., - There are 22 vans in the District and 12 inspections were made.

These Vans are kept in a reasonably clean condition, several of them being occupied by very good families who are forced by the present housing shortage to take this means of accommodation. One was found to be verminous. The occupiers were warned and the premises disinfected.

H O U S I N G.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts.... 402
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose..... 802
2. (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932..... 322
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose..... 322
3. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation..... 86
4. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation..... 444
5. Number of Demolition Orders made..... 6

Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notice.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 102

Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

1. (a) Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year 104
(b) Number of families dwelling therein..... 136
(c) Number of persons dwelling therein..... 544
2. Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year..... 17
3. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. 6
4. Number of persons concerned in such cases..... 37

Provision of New Houses during the Year.

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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk other than Cowkeepers.

Number on the Register	57
Number of inspections of premises.	102
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year,	-
Number of contraventions found during the year.	-
Number of contraventions remedied during the year.	-
Number of contraventions outstanding at 31st. December.	Nil

Following a Laboratory Report of a sample of milk in which Br. Abortus was isolated, the affected beast was slaughtered. No stoppage order was required.

Milk Sampling.

Eighty-four samples of milk were taken for bacteriological and biological examination. Eighty-two were satisfactory and 2 unsatisfactory when subjected to the bacteriological test. Eighty-three were satisfactory biologically. One animal was found to be affected with Br. Abortus.

No action was necessary under Article 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949.

The Milk (Special Designations) Order.

Four supplementary licences have been issued in respect of pasteurised milk. One bottling licence for "Tuberculin Tested" milk was granted.

Meat and other Foods.

Private Slaughter Houses :-

Number in District	14
Number of visits	1142

Knacker Yards

Number of visits	-
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Places where Food (other than Meat) are kept or prepared for sale.

Number of inspections 122

Slaughter Houses and Meat Inspection.

The slaughterhouses generally are well maintained and the standard of hygiene is high.

The number of cattle, sheep and pigs slaughtered in the area are shown in appendix A and B.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47. Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

Investigations were carried out into a few cases, but no formal action was taken by the Council under this Section during the year.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

JOHN YOUNG.

Medical Officer of Health.

Warwick Lodge,
Dalby Road,
Melton Mowbray.

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT.1946.

Section 26 - Diphtheria Immunisation.

Number of children who were immunised during the period

1st. January - 31st. December 1956.

<u>Age at 31.12.56</u> <u>(Born in year).</u>	<u>Primary</u> <u>Immunisation.</u>	<u>Booster</u> <u>Dose.</u>
Under 1 1956	13	-
1 1955	150	-
2 1954	17	-
3 1953	4	-
4 1952	4	5
5 1951	5	101
6 1950	1	9
7 1949	2	1
8 1948	1	2
9 1947	-	1
10 1946	-	1
11 1945	-	-
12 1944	-	-
13 1943	-	1
14 1942	-	-

Appendix A.Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned
in whole or in part.

	Cattle excluding cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Total.
Number Killed	678	3	4	2,260	945	3,890
Number Inspected	678	3	4	2,260	945	3,890
All diseases <u>except</u> Tuberculosis and Cysticerci whole carcases condemned.	-	1	1	1	2	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condmned.	47	-	-	4	27	-
Percentage of No. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	6.05%	33.33%	25%	.2%	3.07%	-
Tuberculosis only whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	42	-	-	-	13	-
Percentage of No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	5.87%	-	-	-	1.37%	-

Appendix B.

Meat Condemnded for Tuberculosis in Bovines.

	<u>Number.</u>	<u>Weight in Lbs.</u>
Fore Quarters.	2	177
Heads and Tongues.	14	490
Lungs and Hearts.	15	239
Lungs.	6	83
Livers.	5	79
Spleens, Intestines & Fat.	3	190
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL -	<u>45</u>	<u>1258 lbs.</u>

	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>
Total weight of meat condemned other than Tuberculosis.	26	52
" " " " " for Tuberculosis.	12	44

Total weight of meat condemned :-

Ton.	Cwts.	Qrs.	St.	lbs.
1.	18.	3.	0.	12.

